

school program that competes on the knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and what role students play as citizens.

For more than two decades, dating back to his law school days, Judge Ellington has worked to help students understand how to properly engage in democracy and recognize the Constitution as an incredibly influential historic document.

Not only has Judge Ellington played a 'facilitator' role for the "We the People" program, but he improved it with innovative ideas: instead of heading into individual classrooms, Judge Ellington brought teachers and students in Washington State to him in the form of voluntary workshops. Whether serving as "We the People" advisory board president or simply volunteering his time and knowledge, Judge Ellington employs the heart of a servant.

Such a high and prestigious honor such as the Williams Nevins Award must be awarded to someone in the legal profession who goes above and beyond the call of duty; Judge Thomas Ellington is that person. I want to congratulate for the recognition, thank him for his service to the State of Washington and the Nation and encourage him to continue on his path of leadership and selfless service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REP- RESENTATIVE DOUG BEREUTER

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my warmest congratulations to former Representative Doug Bereuter for receiving the 2009 Trailblazer Award from the NEBRASKAland Foundation.

Each year, the NEBRASKAland Foundation celebrates Nebraska's entrance into the union. During this event, the Foundation honors distinguished Nebraskans for the impressive contributions to the State of Nebraska.

I can think of no one who sums up the spirit of this award better than Representative Bereuter. His 26 years in Congress is a testament to his long-standing dedication to all Nebraskans. When I look at everything he accomplished during his tenure here in Congress, I am both humbled and inspired. He has truly set a tremendous example for others.

Once again, I offer my congratulations to Representative Bereuter and I thank him for his public service, his leadership, and his friendship.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding funding included in H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Recipient: Operation UNITE
Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide \$4,450,000 in directed funding to Operation UNITE, a comprehensive program to combat the scourge of drug abuse in southern and eastern Kentucky by coordinating federal, state and local efforts in law enforcement, treatment and education. Operation UNITE has arrested 2,939 drug dealers and removed over \$8.4 million worth of drugs off the street, including 83,426 prescription pills, 450 pounds of marijuana, 14 pounds of meth and 20 pounds of cocaine. Over 1,890 non-violent offenders have participated in UNITE-funded drug courts, and more than 1,360 individuals grappling with addiction have received vouchers for treatment. Funding in FY09 will be used to continue vital enforcement activities, effective treatment programs partnered with local governments, community organizations and faith-based groups, as well as expand an intensive education program to warn school children of the dangers of drug abuse.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities

Legal Name of Recipient: Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc.

Address of Recipient: 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, KY 42501

Description of Request: Provide \$1,000,000 in directed funding for Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc., the first initiative specifically created to solve severe environmental degradation problems in southern and eastern Kentucky. PRIDE, a non-profit organization, unites citizens with the resources of federal, state and local governments in order to improve water quality in the region, clean up illegal trash dumps and other solid waste, and promote environmental awareness and education to break the cycle of pollution. To date, PRIDE has recruited more than 262,000 volunteers, provided 28,089 homes with access to sanitary wastewater treatment, and cleaned up 131,408 tons of trash.

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Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Recipient: Pulaski County Sheriff's Department

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 752, Somerset, KY 42502

Description of Request: Provide \$50,000 in directed funding for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, which currently owns a 1972 OH58 Bell 4-seater helicopter for law enforcement and other emergency service requests within a 100-mile radius in southern and eastern Kentucky. The coverage area requires sound communications operating equipment with a service area that includes mountainous terrain, expansive Lake Cumberland and the Daniel Boone National Forest. The helicopter's land-based on-board communications equipment is outdated and often fails to function properly, creating problems during search and rescue, law enforcement activities and surveillance. This funding will support equipment up-

grades that will eliminate existing communications barriers between the helicopter and local/emergency service organizations and ensure timely and effective response to law enforcement and medical emergencies in the region.

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Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Recipient: National Crime Prevention Council

Address of Recipient: 2345 Crystal Drive, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$500,000 for the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) to continue valuable crime prevention activities which directly benefit the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition based in Erlanger, Ky. Authorized under Section 626 of P.L. 109–248, NCPC's Crime Prevention Campaign aims to respond to traditional crime, emerging crime trends and changing crime prevention needs in communities around the country, including southeastern Kentucky. NCPC works to help people keep themselves, their families and their communities safe from crime by producing tools that communities can use to learn crime prevention strategies, engage community members, and coordinate with local law enforcement agencies. FY09 funding will be utilized to continue these important activities.

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Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Recipient: SEARCH, National Consortium for Justice Information Statistics

Address of Recipient: 7311 Greenhaven Drive, Suite 145, Sacramento, CA 95831

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$500,000 for the National Consortium for Justice Information Statistics, which is authorized through P.L. 109–162. SEARCH's National Training and Technical Assistance Program is the only no-cost service for small- and medium-sized criminal justice agencies, providing assistance with: 1) enhancing and upgrading information systems; 2) building integrated information systems; and 3) ensuring compatibility between local systems with state, regional and national systems. In Kentucky, public safety agencies have participated in a specialized SEARCH training course that provides practical, hands-on instruction in cybercrime investigation techniques, as well as utilized SEARCH's technical, computer forensics and criminal history improvement assistance.

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Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Construction, General (Section 202)

Legal Name of Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Huntington & Nashville Districts

Address of Recipient: 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV 25701 P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202

Description of Request: As authorized in Section 202 of P.L. 96–367, as amended, provide directed funding of \$9,000,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue structural and non-structural flood damage reduction efforts in several flood-prone communities in southern and eastern Kentucky.